

This I Believe

I once read that dreams are like snowmen, we build them high, snow upon snow on an early winter morning. Then, spring comes, and our dreams melt, drop by drop. Often the time, we're so focused and fixated on our melted snowmen that we don't notice what it's left behind, that sometimes being greener grass. I believe in letting go and appreciating what we have.

This quote teaches us that sometimes we have to let go of certain issues, that we can't keep harping on things because we'll never be able to move on that way. Sometimes we have to look past the things that have already gone and maybe we'll find something even greater. As for me, I learnt it the hard way.

In the year of 2008, I was primary 6. It was a trying period for all our friendships. We had to cope with the tremendous pressure of the looming leaving examination, and at the same time we worried about losing contact with each other should we go to different schools. We all wanted to treasure the little time left we had together.

I had a small clique of friends, and we used to share everything and anything with each other. We basically kept no secrets between the few of us. To make a long story short, I found out that a couple of them were keeping something from me. Needless to say, I didn't like it, not one bit at all. I gave my friend a bit of a hard time. Our friendship was in shambles, with me feeling paranoid and suspicious over a ridiculous secret she ended up telling me in the end anyway. Our friendship never went back to the way it was from then on. Now that I look back, I realize the whole reason for this incident was due to my incapability to let go, to simply forget and move on, for failing to notice that there is so much more to a friendship than just telling each other secrets.

I believe in letting go and moving on, and not staying griped up on an issue that's already past because I feel we end up hurting no one but ourselves, and who knows? Maybe we'll finally see the greener grass that's been left behind. As for me, maybe we could still have been the close knit of friends we were. Even closer, maybe.

Sometimes life doesn't go the way I want it. Sometimes I have to do things I really don't want to do. What I believe is that I'll have to let go sometimes, because even though there's real value having ideals for the future or expectations for ourselves and the things around us, I won't let these sidetrack myself from what's truly important and good for me, that is, to appreciate the greener grass I have.

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